# New Mexico Occupational Health & Safety

# FATAL FACTS



## No. 8775-032

Accident Type:	Shooting
Number of Fatalities	1
Weather Conditions:	Dry, Calm, Warm
Type of Operation:	Retail Store
Size of Work Crew:	2
Competent Safety Monitor on Site:	No
Safety and Health Program in Effect:	Yes
Was the Worksite Inspected Regularly:	Yes
Training and Education Provided:	Yes
Employees Job Titles:	Retail worker
Age & Gender:	Male, 37
Experience at this Type of Work:	2 years
Time on Project:	2 years



### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT**

At 1:00 AM several customers of the convenience store were being robbed in the parking lot. The Assistant Manager called the police and notified the alleged robbers that the police were coming. While the Assistant Manager was talking to the robbery victims, the robber entered the store and attempted to rob the clerk of money from the cash register. The clerk was shot by the robber and died from the bullet wounds.

### **INSPECTION RESULTS**

The investigation revealed hazards for which one serious and one other citation were issued. However, the hazards found did not directly lead to this fatality. The employer was cited for not maintaining a clear and unobstructed view of the service counter and cash register from outside the building.

# **ACCIDENT PREVENTION RECOMMENDATIONS**

The recommendation made by OHSB was for the employer to review the criminal activity in the surrounding area to determine if they should exclude customers from entering the store during the 11:00 pm to 5:00 am period.